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Applicant : Hugh R. Sharkey et al. Art Unit : 3739
Serial No. : 09/895,609 Examiner : Michael Peffley
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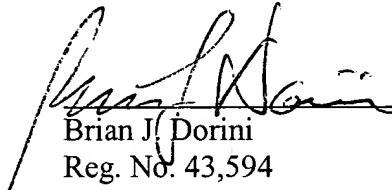
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 15, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the corrected claims section of the non-compliant amendment that was originally filed on January 12, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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